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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7790**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 1**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Indiana Commerce Connector and Illiana Expressway.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Wyss

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

The bill, for purposes of the statute concerning tollways, permits the designation of the Indiana Commerce Connector, the Illiana Expressway, or both (instead of a part of Interstate Highway 69) as a tollway.

The bill, for purposes of the statute governing public-private agreements concerning toll roads, deletes the prohibition against a public-private agreement (without legislative authorization) that would permit an operator to impose tolls for the operation of motor vehicles.

The bill, for purposes of the statute governing public-private agreements by the Department of Transportation: (1) authorizes public-private agreements for the Indiana Commerce Connector, the Illiana Expressway, or both (instead of a part of Interstate Highway 69); and (2) deletes the current authority for offerors that submit a proposal on a project that consists in whole or in part of a tollway to submit alternative proposals based upon the assumption that a different part or none of the project will consist of a tollway.

The bill, for purposes of the statute governing the designation of state highways as tollways, permits the designation of the Indiana Commerce Connector, the Illiana Expressway, or both (instead of a part of Interstate Highway 69) as a tollway without legislative authorization.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Under current law, the Governor, the Department of Transportation (INDOT), or an operator, without the approval of the General Assembly, may not approve the location of a tollway, issue a request for proposal or enter into a public-private agreement, or determine that a highway should become a tollway other than on I-69 between I-64 and Martinsville. Under the bill, the tollway between I-64 and Martinsville would require legislative approval for tolling and the Indiana Commerce Connector, a limited access facility beginning at I-69 in Madison County and ending at I-70 in Hendricks or Morgan County, and/or the Illiana Expressway, a limited access facility connecting I-94 and I-57, would be allowed without legislative approval.

Traffic volume affects the toll revenue that may be generated, and if a project is developed as a public-private agreement, it could affect the amount paid to the state for concession rights to collect the tolls. If a higher lease payment is offered on the Indiana Commerce Connector and/or the Illiana Expressway than on I-69 between I-64 and Martinsville, the state would receive more revenue.

*Background on the Indiana Commerce Connector:* The route of the Indiana Commerce Connector has not been finalized and there are no data available to indicate the traffic volume currently available. The route has been proposed to stimulate economic development along the corridor and relieve congestion on I-69, I-465, and surrounding highways. The bill would allow development of this route as a public-private agreement or tollway without the approval of the General Assembly.

*Background on the Illiana Expressway:* This connector would address traffic congestion around the Borman Expressway, I-80/I-94, which is out of available land to expand. The proposal for the Illiana Expressway is for the route to be 63 miles long with 50 miles in Indiana. The bill would allow development of this Expressway without the approval of the General Assembly.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Transportation; Indiana Finance Authority.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** <http://www.in.gov/apps/utis/calendar/presscal?PF=gov2&Clist=196&Elist=87664>;  
<http://www.in.gov/dot/projects/illiana/>.

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